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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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Former Councilmember Louella Anderson Passes Away

(Nespelem, WA) — Respected elder of the Colville Tribes Louella Anderson has passed away at age 84. She served on the Colville Business Council from 1993 through 2004. A celebration of her life will be held at the Omak Longhouse on May 18th, 2024 and is open to the public. She leaves behind 3 children: Michael Martin Moore, Michelle Maria Smith, and Alisa Shanel Salazar.

The achievements while Louella served on Council of which she was proudest were the 181-D settlement claims, the groundbreaking for Mill Bay Casino in Chelan, and the purchase of the plywood plant property that will now house the Omak Clinic, Head Start, and Senior Meal site. During her final years in office, Lou was a strong supporter of Wenatchi claims, Wells Dam claims, and Moses Columbia Reservation claims. She advocated for tribal land purchases, especially on the Reservation.

After her service on Council, Louella dedicated her time to protecting tribal youth as a board member of the National Indian Child Welfare Association. She also worked for the Colville Tribes as a TANF Support Service Specialist.

The Chairman of the Colville Confederated Tribes, Jarred-Michael Erickson, said, “Louella’s long years of service to the Tribes left an impact that will be remembered. As Lou joins her ancestors, my condolences go out to her children and her other family and loved ones.”

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,214 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The twelve tribes which compose the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation include: ščəlám̓xəx̓w (deep water) or Chelan; wal̓wáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; s̓x̓y̓ʔil̓p (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šnt̓iyátk̓wəx̓w (grass in the water) or Entiat; sn̓áyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mət̓x̓w (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxčənəx̓w (people living on the bank) or Moses-Columbia; nspilm (prairie) or Nespelem; uknaq̓in (seeing over the top) or Okanogan; palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sənp̓s̓w̓ilx̓ (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnp̓əšq̓wáwsəx̓w (people in between) or Wenatchi.